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FIP immediate Past President Mr Tay (left) congratulated and welcomed Mr Bernard Beston (right) as the new FIP President and wished him all the best.

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Editorial

Happy New Year to all. The year 2018 was a busy year with three FIP World Stamp Exhibitions, World Stamp Championship in Jerusalem, Israel; Specialised World Stamp Exhibition in Prague, Czech Republic and the General World Stamp Exhibition in Bangkok, Thailand.

In 2019 there will be only one General World Stamp Exhibition in Wuhan, China in June. There is also an Exhibition with FIP Recognition, SINGPEX 2019, to be held in Singapore in July. Exhibitions under FIP Sponsorship will be in Kamnik, Slovenia in March and Buenos Aires, Argentina, in August.

In this issue you will find the President's message; the report on the highlights of FIP Board meetings in Bangkok, Thailand; the report of the 75th FIP Congress and the report on THAILAND 2018 General World Stamp Exhibition which was successfully held in Bangkok in November 2018.

Congratulations to the Grand Prix Award winners:
GPH: Peter Wittsten from Sweden (living in Denmark)
GPI: Tan Eng Chuan from Singapore
GPN: Ayuth Krishnamara from Thailand

The immediate past FIP President Tay Peng Hian from Singapore was appointed as the Honorary President of FIP and awarded the FIP Medal for Service and Certificate of Appreciation for his outstanding contribution and service to the Philatelic World. Congratulations to the newly elected FIP President Bernard Beston from Australia, the FIP Vice President Prakob Chirakiti from Thailand and FIP Director Tan Eng Chuan from Singapore.

The FIP Jury Academy will continue training the FIP accredited Jurors at various Exhibitions. Jurors who are interested in this training can submit their application to FIP Secretariat to reserve the seats for them.

Please take note in your calendar of the CHINA 2019 General World Stamp Exhibition in Wuhan this June. We believe that you will enjoy the great exhibits shown there.

We appreciate your comments, suggestions and advice on how to make Flash more interesting.

Enjoy reading.

The Editors

Editorial

Feliz Año Nuevo para todos. El año 2018 fue un año muy ocupado con tres Exposiciones Mundiales FIP, a saber, Campeonato Mundial de Sellos en Jerusalén, Israel; Exposición Especializada Mundial de Sellos en Praga, República Checa y Exposición Mundial General de Sellos en Bangkok, Tailandia.

En el año 2019, solo habrá una Exposición Mundial General de Sellos en Wuhan, China, en junio; y también habrá la Exposición con Reconocimiento FIP SINGPEX 2019 en Singapur en julio. Las Exposiciones Regionales con Patrocinio FIP se realizarán en Kamnik, Eslovenia, en marzo, y en Buenos Aires, Argentina, en agosto.

En este número encontrarán el mensaje del Presidente; el reporte con los aspectos más destacados de las reuniones del Consejo Directivo FIP en Bangkok, Tailandia; el informe del 75º Congreso FIP y el informe sobre la Exposición Mundial General de Sellos THAILAND 2018 que se celebró con éxito en Bangkok en noviembre de 2018. Felicitaciones a los ganadores del Gran Premio:

GPH: Peter Wittsten de Sweden (residiendo en Dinamarca)
GPI: Tan Eng Chuan de Singapur
GPN: Ayuth Krishnamara de Tailandia

El inmediato Pasado Presidente FIP, Tay Peng Hian, de Singapur, fue nombrado Presidente Honorario FIP recibiendo la Medalla de Servicio y el Certificado de Reconocimiento FIP por su destacada contribución y servicio al Mundo Filatélico. Felicitaciones al recién elegido Presidente FIP Bernard Beston de Australia, al Vicepresidente FIP Prakob Chirakiti de Tailandia y al Director FIP Tan Eng Chuan de Singapur.

La Academia de Jurados FIP continuará capacitando a los Jurados FIP acreditados en varias Exposiciones. Los Jurados que estén interesados en esta capacitación pueden enviar su solicitud a la Secretaría FIP para reservar los asientos para ellos.

Tomen nota en su calendario de la Exposición Mundial de Sellos CHINA 2019 en Wuhan este junio. Creemos que podrán disfrutar de las grandes colecciones que se muestren allí.

Agradeceremos sus comentarios, sugerencias y consejos para hacer que Flash sea más interesante.

Disfruten la lectura.

Los Editores

Bernard Beston
FIP President

Welcome to the year 2019

Firstly, I wish to thank all Members who voted for me to be elected as your President for the next four years. Secondly, my appreciation to all Members who sent delegates to the 75th FIP Congress and participated in the various Meetings and earlier Commission Meetings. Your input and contributions are essential for the success of our great hobby.

I extend my congratulations to my newly elected Vice-President, Dr. Prakob Chirakiti (Thailand) and Director, Richard Tan (Singapore). Our most valued Secretary General, Andree Trommer-Schiltz from Luxembourg has now retired. Never in my entire career have I encountered a more capable Secretary General in any Organisation. She will be sorely missed. I publicly thank her for her huge contributions to Philately and wish her well in her retirement.

Neither I nor the new Board intend to demolish what has been achieved during the past eight years. I congratulate the past President Tay Peng Hian for his invaluable contributions and leadership during my two terms firstly as Director and then as Vice-President. We have achieved much during that period. I do intend to build on those achievements and to implement certain changes and improvements in our system. In addition, I shall listen to the views and opinions of all Members, regardless of where they live or who they voted for in the 75th FIP Congress. I do value your contributions and welcome them in the coming years.

I shall be an active President by visiting each one of you at least once during my tenure. Many of you will of course receive more than one visit, simply because of your geographical location. I shall shortly be meeting with the American Philatelic Society Board in Arizona, USA.

In January I visited Switzerland with our new Secretary General Kelly Ong; and then Liechtenstein and Austria. And in the coming few months I hope to be in the UAE, Vietnam, China, Russia, Moldova and Slovenia. Very soon we shall be placing onto the FIP website:

- A list of all FIP Accredited Jurors
- A regularly updated Index of worldwide exhibitions from National (which we rely on Members' timely advice); Continental; FIP Recognition and FIP Patronage World Stamp Exhibitions.
- The nominations for FIP Jurors from each Member Federation at future FIP Exhibitions once the Jury has been selected.
- Details of the 2019 FIP Jury Academy Courses in Slovenia, China, Argentina and Canada.
- Lists of FIP exhibitions for the next three years.

This year there is only one FIP exhibition – CHINA 2019 in Wuhan, however, there are many other national exhibitions that are equally worthy of your support:

February:	Hong Kong Stampex 2019; Pakistan 2019 in Karachi, Pakistan; ARIPEX 2019 in Mesa, Arizona, USA
March:	EPAEX 2019 in Dubai, UAE; Four-Nations in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; SLOVENIJA 2019 (Alpes Adria) in Kamnik, Slovenia.
May:	World of Revenue Salon in Essen, Germany

I am very pleased to announce that for the years 2020 and 2021 there shall be three FIP exhibitions in each of those years; and for the year 2022 we already have expressions of interest for two such FIP exhibitions. Yes, philately and stamp collecting are not all about exhibiting. But to have the most fun, satisfaction and contentment, exhibiting is the epitome of the hobby. Additionally, exhibitions provide an unrivalled means for collector fellowship and friendship; and the opportunity to promote the Hobby for the least amount of expenditure. Who amongst us does not enjoy a Stamp Show?

The Board looks forward to your support in advancing the Hobby in the next coming years.

Bernard Beston,
FIP President, February 2019

Bienvenidos al año 2019.

Bernard Beston
FIP President

En primer lugar, deseo agradecer a todos los Miembros que votaron por mí para ser elegido como su Presidente por los próximos cuatro años. En segundo lugar, mi agradecimiento a todos los Miembros que enviaron delegados al 75º Congreso FIP y que participaron en las diversas reuniones previas de las Comisiones. Sus comentarios y contribuciones son esenciales para el éxito de nuestro gran pasatiempo.

Extiendo mis felicitaciones a mi recién elegido Vicepresidente, el Dr. Prakob Chirakiti (Tailandia) y al Director, Richard Tan (Singapur). Nuestra muy valorada Secretaria General, Andree Trommer-Schiltz, de Luxemburgo, se ha retirado. En toda mi carrera nunca encontré una Secretaria General tan capaz en alguna Organización. La extrañaremos. Le agradezco públicamente sus enormes contribuciones a la Filatelia y le deseo lo mejor en su jubilación.

Ni la nueva Junta ni yo pretendemos demoler lo que se ha logrado durante los últimos ocho años. Felicito al anterior Presidente, Tay Peng Hian, por sus valiosas contribuciones y liderazgo durante mis dos mandatos, primero como Director y luego como Vicepresidente. Hemos logrado mucho durante ese período. Tengo la intención de aprovechar esos logros e implementar ciertos cambios y mejoras en nuestro sistema. Además, escucharé los puntos de vista y las opiniones de todos los Miembros, independientemente en donde vivan o por quién votaron en el 75º Congreso FIP. Valoro sus contribuciones y las recibiré en los años que vienen.

Seré un Presidente activo visitándolos al menos una vez durante mi mandato. Muchos de ustedes recibirán más de una visita, simplemente debido a su ubicación geográfica. Pronto me reuniré con el Consejo Directivo de la American Philatelic Society en Arizona, USA.

En enero visité Suiza con nuestra nueva Secretaria General, Kelly Ong; y luego Liechtenstein y Austria. En los próximos meses espero visitar los Emiratos Árabes Unidos, Vietnam, China, Rusia, Moldavia y Eslovenia. Muy pronto estaremos colocando en el sitio web de la FIP:

- La lista de los Jurados FIP.
- El índice actualizado regularmente de exposiciones, desde las Nacionales (de las que esperamos información oportuna de los Miembros), siguiendo con las Continentales, Reconocimiento FIP y las Exposiciones Mundiales con Patrocinio FIP.
- Los nominados para Jurados FIP de cada Federación miembro para las próximas Exposiciones FIP una vez que el Jurado se haya seleccionado.
- Detalles de la Academia de Jurados FIP para el 2019 en Eslovenia, China, Argentina y Canadá.
- Lista de Exposiciones FIP para los próximos tres años.

Este año solo hay una Exposición FIP, CHINA 2019 en Wuhan; sin embargo, hay otras exposiciones nacionales que son igualmente dignas de su apoyo:

Febrero: Hong Kong Stampex 2019; Pakistán 2019 en Karachi, Pakistán; ARIPEX 2019 en Mesa, Arizona, USA.
Marzo: EPAEX 2019 en Dubai, EAU; Cuatro Naciones en Kuala Lumpur, Malasia; SLOVENIJA 2019 (Alpes Adria) en amnik, Eslovenia.
Mayo: Salón Mundial de Fiscales en Essen, Alemania

Me complace anunciar que para los años 2020 y 2021 habrán tres Exposiciones FIP en cada uno de esos años; y para el año 2022 ya tenemos expresiones de interés para dos Exposiciones FIP. Sí, la filatelia y

el coleccionismo de sellos no se trata solo de exhibir. Pero para tener la mayor diversión y satisfacción, exhibir es el epítome del hobby. Además, las exposiciones proporcionan un medio incomparable para el compañerismo y la amistad del coleccionista; y la oportunidad de promover el Hobby con la menor cantidad de gastos. ¿Quién de nosotros no disfruta de un Show de Filatelia?

El Consejo Directivo espera su apoyo para el avance del Hobby en los próximos años.

Bernard Beston,
Presidente FIP, Febrero 2019

Andrée Trommer-Schiltz has retired from FIP

Andree (right) together with FIP Honorary President Mr Jos Wolff (left) at the office of Fédération des Sociétés Philatéliques du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg, FSPL on 26 January, 2019.

Born 69 years ago in Luxembourg, Andrée became member of a philatelic association in 1975. As she collected mainly Maximaphily, she became member of the Luxembourg Commission for Maximaphily and, in 1990, she became Secretary of this Association.

In 1994, she was elected to the Board of Directors of the FSPL (Luxembourg Philatelic Federation) and since 2000, she has been the Vice-President and Treasurer of the Federation.

She is national juror for Maximaphily since 1992 and very often Secretary of the Jury of the national exhibitions. Since 1998 she was many times national commissioner at FIP exhibitions. In 2008 she was awarded the "Plaquette de reconnaissance", the highest philatelic distinction of the Luxembourg Philatelic Federation.

From April 1, 2008, she was Secretary General of FIP and everyone in the philatelic world up to the international level, knows her. Always happy to help, very competent, fluent in English, French and German, she was really a precious help for the FIP Board and for the international and world exhibitions' organising committees.

After 10 years of good work with all of us, she decided one year ago to retire from FIP end of 2018, but she still help the now new Secretary General Kelly Ong to understand our sometimes complex philatelic world and I am sure she will be always ready to help us with her deep knowledge of our international federation.

Thank you Andree for all you have done for FIP! Have a nice retirement with your grandchildren! And see you soon as commissioner, exhibitor or visitor in the upcoming philatelic exhibitions!

Bernard Jimenez
FIP Vice-President

Andrée Trommer-Schiltz quitte la FIP

Née il y a 69 ans au Luxembourg, Andrée est devenue membre d'une association philatélique en 1975. Comme elle collectionnait principalement des cartes-maximum, elle a rejoint la Commission de Maximaphilie du Luxembourg et, en 1992, elle devenue secrétaire de cette association.

En 1994, elle a été élue au Bureau Directeur de la FSPL (Fédération des Sociétés Philatéliques du Luxembourg) et, depuis 2000, elle est devenue Vice-Présidente et Trésorière de la Fédération.

Elle est jurée national pour la Maximaphilie depuis 1992 et très souvent secrétaire de jury pour les expositions nationales. A partir de 1998 elle est souvent Commissaire national pour le Luxembourg dans des expositions FIP. En 2008 elle se voit attribuer la "Plaquette de reconnaissance", plus haute distinction philatélique de la Fédération des Sociétés Philatéliques du Luxembourg.

Depuis le 1er avril 2008 elle était Secrétaire Générale de la FIP et chacun, dans le monde philatélique, la connait et l'apprécie.

Toujours heureuse de rendre service, très compétente, parlant couramment anglais, français et allemand, elle a réellement été une aide précieuse pour le Bureau de la FIP et pour les Comités d'Organisation des expositions internationales et mondiales FIP.

Après 10 ans d'un excellent travail avec nous tous, Andrée a décidé il y a un an de prendre une retraite bien méritée fin 2018. Mais elle aide toujours Kelly Ong, la nouvelle Secrétaire Générale, à mieux appréhender notre monde philatélique, quelquefois complexe, et je suis sûr qu'elle sera toujours prête à nous aider compte-tenu de sa parfaite connaissance de notre fédération internationale. Merci Andrée pour tout ce que tu as fait pour la FIP. Belle et longue retraite auprès de tes petits enfants !

Et à bientôt sans doute, comme Commissaire, exposante ou visiteur, dans une prochaine exposition philatélique !

Bernard Jimenez
FIP Vice-President

Andrée Trommer-Schiltz se ha retirado de la FIP

Nacida hace 69 años en Luxemburgo, Andrée se hizo miembro de una asociación filatélica en 1975. Como principalmente coleccionaba Maximofilia se convirtió en miembro de la Comisión de Maximofilia de Luxemburgo y, en 1990, se convirtió en Secretaria de esa Asociación.

En 1994 fue elegida como miembro del Consejo de Administración de la FSPL (Federación Filatélica de Luxemburgo) y, desde 2000, ha sido la Vicepresidenta y Tesorera de la Federación.
Es Jurado Nacional de Maximofilia desde 1992 y frecuentemente ha servido como Secretaria del Jurado de exposiciones nacionales. Desde 1998 fue muchas veces Comisario Nacional en las Exposiciones FIP. En 2008 fue galardonada con la "Plaqueta de Reconocimiento", la más alta distinción filatélica de la Federación Filatélica de Luxemburgo.

Fue Secretaria General de la FIP desde el 1 de abril de 2008, y todos en el mundo filatélico, hasta el nivel internacional, la conocen. Siempre estuvo dispuesta a ayudar y ha sido muy competente; habla inglés, francés y alemán con fluidez, fue realmente una preciosa ayuda para la Consejo Directivo FIP y para los comités organizadores de exposiciones internacionales y mundiales.

Luego de 10 años de buen trabajo con todos nosotros, decidió -hace un año atrás- retirarse de la FIP a fines de 2018, pero aún sigue ayudando a la nueva Secretaria General, Kelly Ong, a comprender nuestro complejo mundo filatélico y estoy seguro que siempre estará dispuesta a ayudarnos con su profundo conocimiento de nuestra federación internacional.

¡Gracias Andrée por todo lo que has hecho por la FIP! ¡Que tengas un buen retiro junto a tus nietos!

¡Y pronto te veremos sea como comisaria, expositora o visitante en alguna de las próximas exposiciones filatélicas!

Bernard Jimenez
Vice-Presidente FIP

Highlights of the 120th FIP Board of Directors Meeting in Bangkok on 27 November 2018

The FIP Board of Directors before the start of the Board meeting.

FIP SPONSORSHIP

The Board approved two recipients of the FIP Sponsorship Scheme for Regional Exhibitions in 2019, and each Federation shall receive US$5,000 from FIP:

i) SLOVENIJA 2019 (28 – 31 March, 2019) in Kamnik, Slovenia, organised by the Slovenian Philatelic Association.

ii) BUENOS AIRES 2019 (26 – 31 August, 2019) in Buenos Aires, Argentina, organised by the Federacion Argentina de Entitades Filatelicas.

PICTURE POSTCARDS WORKSHOP & SEMINAR

A Picture Postcard Workshop and Seminar shall be hosted by All-China Philatelic Federation and would be conducted in Beijing, China, in February 2019. This was arranged to be in conjunction with CHINA 2019 where there would be an experimental Picture Postcard Class.

Highlights of the 121st FIP Board of Directors Meeting in Bangkok on 1 December 2018

75TH FIP CONGRESS

Vice-President Jimenez would present, on behalf of the Board members, the Medal for Service to President Mr Tay and all Board members agreed to confer him as Honorary President of FIP. The agreement with LONDON 2020 would be signed right after the Congress.

COMMISSIONS' MEETINGS

Director Chirakiti updated that he attended the Literature and Traditional Philately Commissions' meetings on November 30. For Traditional Philately the new Guidelines were discussed and agreed within the Commission and to be approved by the FIP Board.

Vice-President Macedo updated that the Thematic Commission had also discussed the Guidelines and he gave some feedback to them.

Director Samamé updated that he attended the Aerophilately Commission's meeting and Acting Chairman Norman Banfield conducted a good Seminar.

Highlights of the 75th FIP Congress at Asia Hotel in Bangkok on 2 December 2018

The 75th FIP Congress was successfully held at the ballroom of Asia Hotel on 2 December, 2018. Dr Chirakiti was invited by President Mr Tay to give an opening speech to welcome the delegates, on behalf of the Organising Committee of THAILAND 2018, which co-hosted the Congress with FIP.

ELECTION OF THE TELLERS

Three tellers were selected from the floor to assist on various matters: Mr Gabriel Christian Perez from Argentina, Mr Veselko Gustin from Slovenia and Mr Daniel Szeto from Hong Kong.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 74TH FIP CONGRESS

The minutes of the 74th FIP Congress was unanimously approved by the Congress by the show of green voting cards.

Delegates of Member Federations attending the 75th FIP Congress. (Photo courtesy of THAILAND 2018 Organizing Committee)

Voting by Congress delegates. (Photo courtesy of THAILAND 2018 Organizing Committee)

REPORT ON FINANCES

President Mr Tay did a detailed presentation on the FIP financial performance over the past 8 years (2010 – 2017). There was a total nett profit of 1.188 million CHF versus a total revenue of 2.502 million, with a 47% gain in nett profit (after taxes).

The Congress unanimously approved the financial statements as published in the Congress papers and discharged the FIP Board of Directors from their responsibilities for their conduct of business for 2016-2017.

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION FEE FOR YEARS 2019-2022

The FIP Board was pleased to announce that membership fees would remain the same for the next 4 years, until year 2022. In the past, the membership fee of each member federation was based on the number of exhibits that had achieved Vermeil and above, but after a review of the membership fees received over the last 8 years, only a few federations had changes in the number of exhibits, hence the membership fees for 2019 until 2022, would be invoiced as per 2018. The Congress approved this proposal unanimously.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR

FIP Board recommended BDO to continue as the external auditor for FIP for years 2018 to 2020 to comply with Swiss fiscal jurisdiction. The Congress delegates approved the appointment of BDO unanimously.

REPORT ON THE THREE MOTIONS FROM THE 74TH FIP CONGRESS

Addressing item 8.3 Motion from ABPS from the 74th FIP Congress, Vice-President Beston gave a report which was accepted by the Congress.

REPORT OF THE FIP COMMISSIONS & SECTION

The Chairmen of the Commissions and Astrophilately Section were invited to update on any matters further to their Commissions' reports published in the 75th Congress papers.

APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBER FEDERATION

Uniunea Filatelistilor Din Republic Moldova had applied to be a member of FIP and its President Mr Andrei Adam gave an introduction of his federation. The Congress delegates unanimously approved the new regular membership of the federation.

With the confirmation of membership of Uniunea Filatelistilor Din Republic Moldova, the total number of valid member votes at the Congress was 88.

For a 50% quorum votes needed: 45 votes

ELECTIONS

The following elections were done by secret ballot in accordance to the Statutes.

PRESIDENT – CANDIDATES: MR BERNARD BESTON, AUSTRALIA & MR CHRISTOPHER KING, UNITED KINGDOM

The results of the election were as follows:

Mr Bernard Beston, Australia	64 votes
Mr Christopher King, United Kingdom	24 votes

Mr Bernard Beston from Australia was elected as the new FIP President.

VICE-PRESIDENT FOR ASIA
The post for Vice-President for Asia had one candidature: Dr Prakob Chirakiti from Thailand. He was elected as Vice-President for Asia with 87 votes in favour and 1 abstention.

DIRECTOR FOR ASIA
The post for Director for Asia had one candidature: Mr Richard Tan from Singapore. He was elected as Director for Asia with 84 votes in favour and 4 abstentions.

Newly elected FIP President Mr Bernard Beston (middle) with Vice-President (Asia) Dr Prakob Chirakiti (right) and Director (Asia) Mr Richard Tan (left) (Photo courtesy of THAILAND 2018 Organizing Committee)

MOTION FROM THE FIP BOARD

The Congress delegates unanimously approved the Motion on the updated GREV made according to the Statutes and GREX approved at the 74th FIP Congress.

EXHIBITIONS REQUESTING FOR FIP PATRONAGE

FIP Patronage was granted by the Congress to the following exhibitions and each of which a short presentation was made by the respective attending delegates:

1. CHINA 2019
2. LONDON 2020
3. MALAYSIA 2020
4. BULGARIA 2020
5. INDONESIA 2020
6. IBRA 2021
7. SOUTH AFRICA 2021
8. PHILANIPPON 2021

FIP MEDAL FOR SERVICE

Immediate past President of FIP Mr Tay Peng Hian was awarded the Medal for Service & a Certificate of Appreciation for his honourable service as FIP Director from 2002-2010 and as FIP President from 2010-2018.

Vice-President Jimenez gave the following speech: "The FIP Board has decided and like to recommend to the Congress to confer Mr Tay Peng Hian as the **Honorary President of FIP** for his 16 years of service to FIP, including his 8 years of service as FIP President. May we all give Mr Tay a round of applause. I would also like to present, on behalf of the FIP Board, the Medal of Service and Certificate of Appreciation to Mr Tay for his efforts and huge contribution to organized Philately over the last 30 years. Peng Hian, it has been a great pleasure working with you. You will always be part of the FIP family. Thank you!" Vice-President Jimenez presented the Medal of Service and Certificate of Appreciation to Mr Tay.

Mr Tay Peng Hian was conferred as FIP Honorary President and presented the Medal for Service and Certificate of Appreciation by Vice-President Mr Bernard Jimenez. (Photo courtesy of THAILAND 2018 Organizing Committee)

Signing of LONDON 2020 agreement between Mr Bill Hedley, Chairman of ABPS and FIP Consultant Mr Bernard Jimenez. (Photo courtesy of THAILAND 2018 Organizing Committee)

Highlights of the 122nd FIP Board of Directors Meeting in Bangkok on 3 December 2018

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE NEW FIP BOARD

The new responsibilites were assigned to the new Board of Directors (refer to page 36).

FIP WEBSITE

The Secretary General would work with FIP web designer and co-editors on the proposed changes for the website.

Highlights of the 123rd FIP Board of Directors Meeting in Bangkok on 7 December 2018

FIP JURY ACADEMY 2019

The upcoming trainings in 2019 were planned:

Venue	Training dates
Kamnik, Slovenia	25 - 27 March
Wuhan, China	7 – 9 June
Buenos Aires, Argentina	23 - 25 August
Toronto, Canada	15 – 17 October

Interested FIP accredited jurors are to write in to FIP Secretariat to indicate which training they would like to apply for, to be allocated a seat.

JURY MATTERS

The following Jury Apprentices of THAILAND 2018 were approved by the Board:

NAME	COUNTRY	CLASS
Chen Huei, Huang	Chinese Taipei	Traditional Philately
Mehmet Akan	Turkey	Postal History
Akthem Al-Manaseer	USA	Traditional Philately
Alfred Kunz	Austria	Thematic
Jenwit Apichainunt	Thailand	Revenue
Ben Palmer	United Kingdom	Postal History
Nikola Ljubicic	Serbia	Postal Stationery
Daniel Szeto	Hong Kong	Thematic
Khalid Ali Al Omaira	UAE	Postal History

Approved jurors for Cross-Accreditation:

NAME	COUNTRY	CLASS
Miguel Casielles	Argentina	Postal History
Yu-An, Chen	Chinese Taipei	Postal History
Charles Bromser	Australia	Astrophilately
David Lu	China	Aerophilately
Jeff Long	New Zealand	Youth

The team leader apprenticeship of Mr Ajeet Singhee (India) for Postal Stationery was also approved. Mr Lin, Zhou (China) also served his apprenticeship in the Expert Group successfully.

COMMISSIONS

Commissions Meetings - Guidelines
President Mr Beston updated that some Commissions were still waiting for the feedback from their delegates on the new guidelines. All guidelines must be submitted to and reviewed by the FIP Board for approval and confirmation.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting would be held in Moscow, Russia, in March 2019.

FIP JURY ACADEMY 4 - 6 DECEMBER 2018 IN ASIA HOTEL, BANGKOK

The FIP Jury Academy Class Two and Three were successfully held at Asia Hotel in Bangkok from 4 - 6 December 2018, after the closure of THAILAND 2018 exhibition. This three-day course consisted of 34 FIP jurors and they were:

-Aranaz Fernando
-Brown Gary
-Bromser Charles
-Casielles Miguel
-Chen Yu-An
-Chivers Steven
-Chiu Sammy
-Eaton Dila
-Fraser Colin
-Fritzen Luis Claudio
-Gustin Veselko
-Ho Michael
-Jimenez Bernard
-Jorgensen Lars
-Kim Chang Han
-Loe David
-Long Jeff
-Lorenzo Sánchez José Raúl
-Lu David
-McMahon Ian
-Moreno José RamÓn
-Muhammad Javaid
-Nathaniel Yigal
-Novoa Paul
-Ozalp Koray
-Panchev Spas
-Perez Christian Gabriel
-Putranto Tono
-Reinoso Juan
-Samamé y Samamé Aldo
-Schmidt Alfred
-Sherif Samra
-Singhee Ajeet
-Tan Roger

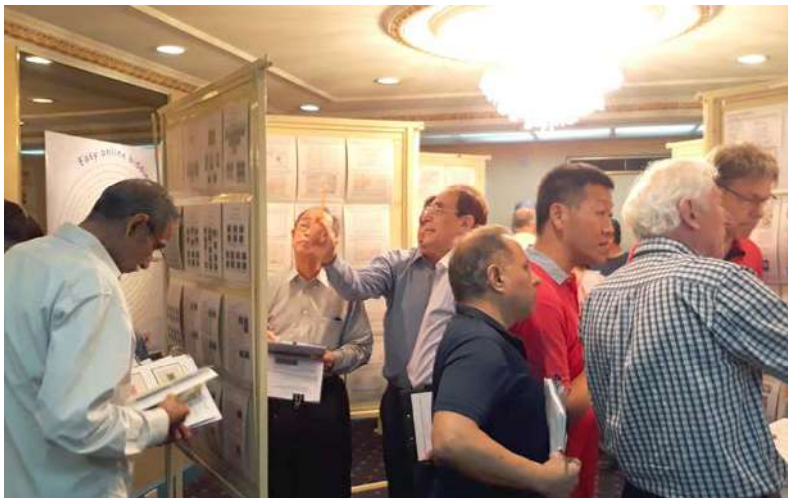
The trainers were Dr Peter McCann (USA), Dr Peter Suhadolc (Slovenia), Mr Charles Verge (Canada), Mr Lars Peter Svendsen (Denmark) who shared valuable experiences and knowledge on three main areas:

- The role of a juror
- Judging actual exhibits in group
- How to give quality and encouraging feedback to the exhibitor

The first group of trainees with trainers Dr Peter McCann (standing) and Dr Peter Suhadolc (seated beside screen).

The second group of trainees with trainers Mr Lars Peter Svendsen (standing on left) and Mr Charles Verge (standing on right).

f.l: José Ramón Moreno, Dila Eaton and Lars Jorgensen.



Diligent trainees!

Trainer Charles Verge with FIP President Bernard Beston.

f.l: Roger Tan, Yigal Nataniel, Luis Claudio Fritzen, Dr Peter McCann, Gary Brown.

FIP President Bernard Beston monitored the entire training and personally made arrangements for the dinners for the trainers and trainees. The FIP Board would like to thank all the trainers for their hard work and efforts in making the training a success.

POSTAL STATIONERY COMMISSION SEMINAR AT THAILAND 2018

Ian McMahon

Lars Engelbrecht and Ian McMahon presented a seminar *How To Develop Your Postal Stationery Exhibit* at Thailand 2018. The seminar was attended by over 70 people and received many favourable comments.

The presentation offered practical advice to exhibitors including how to start a postal stationery exhibit, factors to take into account in choosing a topic, advice on selecting material and avoiding duplication, the importance of the title page, defining the purpose of the exhibit, ensuring the balance of the balance and the beginning & ending of the exhibit, different approaches to exhibiting including a narrow vs a broad scope, the exhibit structure and flow, the use of headings to support the understanding of the exhibit flow, first and second level treatment, the use of headings to support the understanding of the exhibit flow and the description of the material shown.

Much of the discussion was based on the personal exhibit strategies of the two presenters and was illustrated by material from their exhibits. If you would like to receive a copy of the presentation please email me at ian.mcmahon4@bigpond.com.

Lars Engelbrecht presenting the Postal Stationery Seminar

Attendees at the Postal Stationery Seminar

The Postal Stationery Commission's Facebook page was launched at the Seminar. The page now has about 80 members. The Commission will update the Page with news on exhibiting and judging postal stationery and you are all invited to join the page. To do so search on Facebook for: "FIP Postal Stationery". Everyone interested in Postal Stationery is welcome to join the page and use it to share photos, comments and ask questions.

Postal Stationery Commission Facebook Page

The Thailand 2018 Postal Stationery Jury.

FIP ASTROPHILATELY SECTION

Bureau Activities
The Astrophilately Section delegates met during the Thailand 2018 World Stamp Exhibition. The draft of the new Astrophilately Guidelines, that incorporate the current SREV, were reviewed. After the delegates' meeting, there was a seminar on "Preparing an Astrophilatelic Exhibit".

The Astrophilately Section's report was presented to the 75th FIP Congress. The invited delegates were asked to encourage their astrophilately exhibitors to enter the China 2019 World Stamp Exhibition to be held in Wuhan in June.

Richard Tan is the new FIP Board coordinator for the Astrophilately Commission. Thanks go to Bernard Beston for his strong support during his time as FIP Board's coordinator for the Astrophilately Section.

Website
Our website (www.astrophilately.club) is regularly updated. We don't get enough inputs from National Federations or their delegates regarding contact detail changes, appointments and activities.

Exhibitions
The Lanzhou 2018 All-China Specialised Exhibition on Astrophilately was held from September 15 - 17 at Gansu Science and Technology Museum. This was the first national space philatelic exhibition held in China. The exhibition, hosted by the All-China Philatelic Federation, had exhibits from both Astrophilately and Thematics classes. Charles Bromser, the Chairperson of the FIP Astrophilately Section and Peter Suhadolc, the Chairperson of the FIP Thematic Philately Commission, were both invited to attend the exhibition.

The exhibition was very well attended and enjoyed by many visitors. There were 143 frames of Astrophilatelic exhibits (both multi and 1-frame). The standard of the exhibits was high. 16 exhibits qualified for FIP international exhibiting. 2 exhibits received Gold awards.

Charles Bromser and Peter Suhadolc gave seminars on current and proposed future exhibiting guidelines and exhibiting issues in Astrophilately and Thematics respectively. The seminars were very well attended, with over 40 people present and good interactive discussion through interpreters.

Lanzhou Astrophilately Jury

Seven out of thirteen applications for Astro exhibits were accepted for the Thailand 2018 World Stamp Exhibition. Thailand was the first international exhibition since New York, in May 2016, that included the class of Astrophilately. The medals ranged from Large Vermeil to Large Silver. This year China 2019 will include the Astrophilately Class.

Australia is holding a 1-frame Astro Challenge in Bunbury, Western Australia in July. We hope to encourage more philatelists to exhibit in our class.

Judging

During Thailand 2018, Charles Bromser was cross-accredited in Astrophilately and successfully completed the three-day FIP jury academy coursework to become a jury-fellow.

FIP Jury Academy Bangkok participants with FIP President Mr Beston (fifth from left at first row).

Traditional Philately Commission Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand

The Traditional Philately Commission had an official meeting on 30th November 2018 in connection with the World Stamp Exhibition Thailand 2018.

22 delegates and 26 guests attended the meeting.

Chairman Lars Peter Svendsen listening to the roll call performed by Lars Jorgensen.

Attending delegates.

Commission Chairman Lars Peter Svendsen informed about the FIP Jury Academy and encouraged the delegates to inform the national federations and their FIP jury members about the successful training program. All current FIP jurors should take the opportunity to attend future training sessions.

The main point of the commission meeting was to present and approve new update of the Guidelines for Judging Traditional philately Exhibits. Mr. Svendsen explained about the joint commissions work to improved and structure the judging guidelines for all philatelic classes, a work that now has been completed for most of the FIP Commissions and had resulted in new guidelines for traditional philately judging. The new guidelines was approved by all 22 delegates present at the meeting. The commission is now waiting for the FIP Board approval.

The new Guidelines can be downloaded from the commission website
http://www.traditionalphilately.dk/links-etc/downloads.html

Bureau member Lars Jorgensen, Belgium made a presentation about "Outline of a good introduction page" and also this presentation can be downloaded from the web site.

Finally the Chairman updated the delegates on the planned work of the commission for the last two years:

- Revision of the Guidelines - Done
- Official FIP Judging Seminars to be held if approved by the FIP Board. Done - One at Finlandia 2017 and one in Bandung 2017
- Make a promotional Video about Traditional Philately - Pending
- Make an instructional Video on Exhibiting/Judging Traditional Philately Exhibits - Pending
- Make a standard Judging Seminar presentation and put it on the WEB-site for download - Done (Finlandia seminar)
- Put examples of exhibits from all medal levels on the WEB - Pending.
- Make regular releases of Newsletters - Done (2 newsletters sent out)

There were no other business and the meeting was hereafter closed.

Chairman Lars Peter Svendsen
Photos Jan Huys

THAILAND 2018 GENERAL WORLD STAMP EXHIBITION

In celebration of the 135th Anniversary of the Thai Postal Service and the first postage stamp, THAILAND 2018 FIP General World Stamp Exhibition, organized by the Philatelic Association of Thailand under the Patronage of H.R.H. Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn (PAT), was held successfully at the Royal Paragon Hall, Siam Paragon, in Bangkok, Thailand from 28 November to 3 December 2018. The exhibition was held under the Auspices of the Federation of Inter-Asian Philately (FIAP), Patronage of FIP and supported by Thailand Post Co., Ltd under the supervision of the Ministry of Digital Economy and Society. The Opening Ceremony was held at the Royal Paragon Hall on 28 November, 2018.

Traditional Thai cultural performance at the Opening Ceremony. (Photo courtesy of THAILAND 2018 Organising Committee)

Official launch of THAILAND 2018. (Photo courtesy of THAILAND 2018 Organising Committee)

Tour of the exhibition frames f.l. Ms Smorn Terdthampiboon, President of Thailand Post and Advisor in Organising Committee; Mr Pansak Siriruchatapong, Vice Minister for Digital Economy and Society, presiding the opening ceremony on behalf of the Minister of Digital Economy and Society; Dr Chirakiti (Photo courtesy of THAILAND 2018 Organising Committee)

Commissioners for THAILAND 2018 (Photo courtesy of THAILAND 2018 Organising Committee)

FIP GRAND PRIX CLUB MEMBERS' DISPLAY

The 19 FIP Grand Prix exhibits displayed at the Court of Honour were:

Tay Peng Hian	Netherlands East Indies An issue is borne
Chen Yu-An	China: Horizontal 1.5 cents Junk Design Letter Card Essay (1918)
Yigal Nathaniel	Japan: The Boinville Cover
Everaldo Santos	Colombia – The Sobreporte
Kurt Kimmel	Tete-Beche-Bogen
Martha Villaroel de Peredo	Bolivia - The Only Recorded Mixed Franking of 5c Condor Lilac and 500c Coat of Arms Nine Stars.
Jean Voruz	A Funny Way of Cutting a Revellious Stamp
Walter Britz	Uruguay: The Largest 240c Multiple Known
William Kwan	China – Small Souvenir Sheet 1962
Michael Ho	China - The Small Dragon
Ding Jinsong	The Small Four Cents Surcharge
Prakob Chirakiti	Siam – The First Issue
Alvaro Castro-Harrigan	Scadta: Its Presence in Costa Rica
Tan Ah Ee	Straits Settlements Provisional Issue, 1867 used in Siam
Patricia Stilwell Walker	The iconic "Mermaid" design handstamp of Ireland
Surajit Gongvatana	Siam: First Issue
Charnchai Karnasuta	The Earliest Known Newspaper Wrapper mailed from Siam
Nuntawat Euarchukiati	Siam: King Rama IV Royal Mail
Pablo Reim	Brazil - 90 Reis Bull's Eye block of four.

FIP GRAND PRIX CLUB LUNCHEON

The FIP Grand Prix Club Luncheon was held on 1 December 2018 at Nippon Tei, Obayashi Building.

GPC Luncheon attendees: standing f.l: Mr Vit Vanicek, Mr Walter Brtiz, Mr Jean Voruz, Mr Michael Ho, Mr Yigal Nathaniel, Mr Kurt Kimmel, Mr Chen Yu-An, Mr Pablo Reim, Mr Charnchai Karnasuta, Dr Prakob Chirakiti
2nd row f.l: Mrs Vanicek, Mr Surajit Gongvatana, Mrs Tay, Mr Tay Peng Hian, Mr William Kwan, Mrs Kwan.

GRAND PRIX AWARDS

The Palmares dinner on 2 December, 2018 was held at the official Asia Hotel. A total of 33 Large Gold medals and 110 Gold medals were awarded in this exhibition. There were three Grand Prix d'Honneur candidates and the winner with the most votes was Peter Wittsten (Denmark) for his exhibit "Sweden 1855-1872 The First Five Stamp Issues". For the Grand Prix International award, there were five candidates and the winner with the most votes was Tan Eng Chuan (Singapore) for his exhibit "*Straits Settlements from pre stamp era to 1900*". Grand Prix National award winner was Ayuth Krishnamara (Thailand), the only candidate, for his exhibit "*Siam: King Rama IV and Kind Rama V (1837-1904)*".

f.l: FIP President Bernard Beston, Tan Eng Chuan (GPI winner), Henrik Mouritsen (Commissioner receiving on behalf of GPH winner Peter Wittsten), Ayuth Krishnamara (GPN winner), Jury President Surajit Gongvatana, Dr Prakob Chirakiti, Chairman of THAILAND 2018 Organising Committee.

Transfer of the FIP flag from THAILAND 2018 to CHINA 2019 (Photo courtesy of THAILAND 2018 Organising Committee)

Other than displaying her Royal private collection, H.R.H. Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn of Thailand also visited to the exhibition and personally graced the official presentation of the congratulatory envelop for each Grand Prix award winner on 3 December, 2018 at 3pm.

H.R.H. Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn (foreground) posting the THAILAND 2018 postcard with Her Royal Message and touring the exhibition hall.

GPI winner Tan Eng Chuan (left) received his congratulatory envelop from H.R.H. Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn. (Photo courtesy of THAILAND 2018 Organising Committee)

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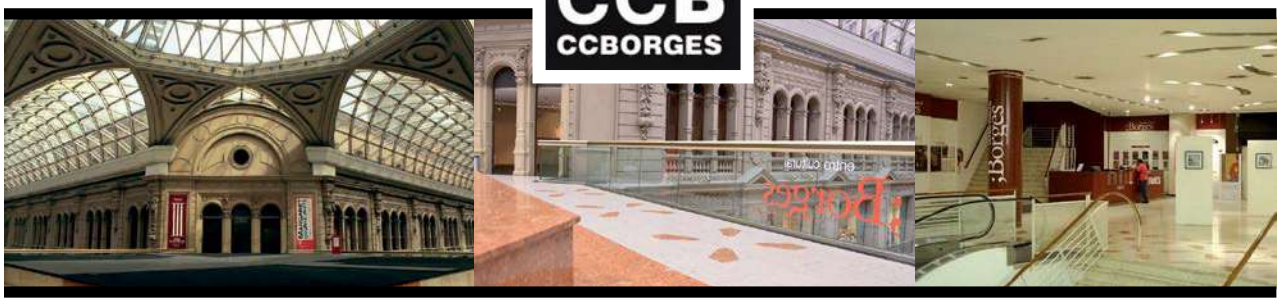

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Updating New Member Federation

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Updating on the newly elected Presidents of Member Federations

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Philatelic & Numismatic Center - Oman	Mr Hatim Al Attar	hatimomani@hotmail.com
Saudi Arabian Philatelic Society	Mr Ibrahim bin Ali Almatrafi	a_a_16@hotmail.com

Summer 2018 in Prague

Year 2018 has been marked with the centenary of the Czechoslovak existence and 80th anniversary of the PRAGA 1938 international stamp exhibition. Both anniversaries were the sufficient reasons for organizing the new PRAGA exhibition. There were much more reasons for doing this: centenary of the Czechoslovak Postal Administration, centenary of the Czechoslovak postage stamps, postal stationary and Prague Postal Museum as well as 25th years of existence of the independent Czech and Slovak Republics. But the key driver for organizing PRAGA 2018 world stamp exhibition was the continuous interest of the philatelic and general public and the desire of the Union of Czech Philatelists to realize the task.

The PRAGA 2018 exhibition fulfilled the expectations: the total number of visitors exceeded 30.000 people looking at the postage stamps not only in the main Clarion Congress Hotel venue, but also in the Prague Postal Museum, EXPO Stamp Fair facility and in the Alfons Mucha Museum Prague. The visitors´ quantity was not documented only by the queues for visiting the Court of Honour room, but also by the number of people looking at the real stamp exhibits among the frames. Positive appreciation was also received by the visitors to the locations outside of the main venue. The Postal Museum serving traditionally as a place for displaying the philatelic literature organized a temporary exhibition of the Scout Movement remembering centenary of the Prague Scout courier mail attracting the Scout groups to visit the museum. The attractivity of the venue was increased by the Youth program organized by Mrs. Kamila Kirke with a great support given by the Postal Museum staff led by Mr. Jiří Střecha, the museum director. The Youth program attracted more than 700 young visitors every exhibition day! The children were encouraged to see the philatelic treasures of the museum, but also to actively participate in various games and activities done at the posts created directly in the Scouting exhibition. The activities were supervised by the Czech-English speaking volunteers confirming that not only the kids were actively participating, but also the parent and grandparents were enjoying the visit.

Queues in front of the Court of Honour at PRAGA 2018

Youth collector enjoying the PRAGA visit!

Because we live in the Internet world, a part of the activities was aimed at the e-environment. The Postal Museum was used for a meeting of the Zvědátoři YouTubers with their fans. The You Tubers promoted the PRAGA exhibition and the session in advance, the fans had therefore a good chance to come to Prague to see their "heroes" face to face. The Zvědátoři also promoted the exhibition by a special video published on the opening day introducing the most expensive postage stamps to the YouTube audience. The video in the Czech language can be seen at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q_gtovl2vec achieving more than 7.000 individual visits!

Another example of the electronic philatelic instrument is the non-competitive virtual philatelic exhibition EXPONET (http://www.exponet.info). The website shows more than 1.000 exhibits from the exhibitors around the globe. Everybody can present free of charge his/her exhibit to the philatelic public at the website. Thanks to the activity, even the non-existing collections and exhibits preserved their physical "destruction" by a sale or a natural catastrophe commemorating the collector´s long-term philatelic activities. The website to be used by the Union of Czech Philatelists for training the jurors and for their preparation for a national exhibition, when the exhibitors deliver together with their application the exhibit on a CD. The exhibit to be displayed in a separated section of the EXPONET is accessible only to the jury members of the particular exhibition. If the exhibitor wishes, his exhibit is deleted after the stamp exhibition and never displayed to the public. The jury prepares for the individual exhibit weeks before the exhibition by studying the exhibit and checking the available literature. When facing the real exhibit at the stamp show, it can be easily and fair evaluated, because the jurors did an important part of the job before the exhibition and they just look for the differences between the displayed and electronic exhibits as well as check the quality and authenticity of the true material. The jury work becomes more efficient and can be executed in time even, if the stamp exhibition last just few days. The collectors´ interest was confirmed after the PRAGA 2018 exhibition, when some of the exhibitors published their exhibits at the www.exponet.info website – even the large gold winning exhibits like the Dutch collector Hans van Dooremalen.

The Internet was used by the PRAGA organizers also for promoting the exhibition, sharing the information, bulletins, catalogue and Palmares with the public. All the documents can be still now downloaded in the electronic form from the www.praga2018.cz website. The PRAGA exhibition used for the first time the Internet as a tool for selling the exhibition tickets. We agreed with the professional tickets seller www.ticketportal.cz a contract enabling us to sell worldwide the tickets to the PRAGA visitors. They received an e-ticket, or could obtain a pdf with the real ticket being just printed and shown at the PRAGA gate. The last possibility was an Internet booking with a personal pick-up of the acquired tickets at one of the more than 800 selling points of the company across the Czech Republic. This solution helped us to manage the tickets distribution reducing the ques at the Clarion venue and managing the visitor quantities for the particular day. The system allowed us to produce the different types of the tickets including the reduced ones for the Youth visitors.

PRAGA attracted the attention of both the philatelic and the non-philatelic public. The exhibition was well covered by all the major Czech TV stations, by the printed and the Internet magazines and newspapers. The media partner for PRAGA was Prague TV local station preparing the daily information about the exhibition and broadcasting also the Palmares dinner. Essential for the PRAGA 2018 execution was the support given to the exhibition by the key partners. The General Partner position was reserved for the Czech Postal Administration. The main philatelic partner and the only official PRAGA auctioneer was the Christoph Gärtner Auction House preparing a rarities auction for the exhibition. Christoph Gärtner Company donated many stamps to the Youth program kept at the Postal Museum to reward the young collectors for their first efforts. Český porcelán porcelain manufacturer prepared the non-typical exhibition medals made of the special material. Many other partners promoted the exhibition or sponsored various part of the stamp show. We shall also commemorate the support provided by the public authorities like City of Prague, Police of the Czech Republic or Customs Administration of the Czech Republic, without their positive approach the event could never occurred. I would like to use this opportunity to thank to all of them.

PRAGA was a great opportunity for organizing various meetings and social events. FIP Board met at the exhibition, in addition several FIP seminars were organized. FEPA Congress was executed in Prague. The exhibition was accompanied by the gatherings and seminars organized by, AIJP, AIEP, FIP Grand Prix Club, European Philatelic Academy and many other groups. The opening ceremony was organized a night before the real opening for the Municipal House, a traditional Art Nouveau building in the true city center giving the attendees to taste the traditional Czech cuisine and the Prague city center. Union of Czech Philatelists awarded during the exhibition the leading members of the Society for Czechoslovak Philately for the long-term promotion of the Czechoslovak philately in the United States, where the society was established in 1939.

The Palmares dinner was an occasion not only to reward the winning exhibitors, but also to thank to all the PRAGA partners, members of the Organizing Committee and the AIJP and FEPA organizations for their contribution to the PRAGA 2018 success. We would like to thank to both of the organizations and express our special thanks to Mr. Tay Peng Hian, FIP President and Honorary Jury President, to Mr. Bernard Jimenez, FIP Vice-President and Consultant for the PRAGA 2018 exhibition, to Mr. Eliahu Weber, the Jury President and to Lars Engelbrecht, the Jury Secretary. Our thanks also go to Mr. Bernard Beston and Mr. Reinaldo E. Macedo, the FIP Vice-Presidents, to Mr. Prakob Chirakiti, Mr. Yigal Nathaniel and Mr. Also Samamé y Samamé, the FIP Directors, Mrs. Andrée Trommer-Schiltz, FIP Secretary General as well as to Ms. Kelly Ong, Assistant to Secretary General, and to all participants, volunteers and visitors for their contribution to the PRAGA 2018 success.

Tay Peng Hian singing at the PRAGA 2018 Opening Ceremony

PRAGA 2018 passed the baton to THAILAND 2018

Lubor Kunc,
PRAGA 2018 Secretary General
November 2018

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SLOVENIAN CHAINBREAKERS

The first Slovenian Post Stamps with the motif of a slave breaking his chains - the Chainbreakers - designed by the painter Ivan Vavpotič were symbolising the new State of Slovenians, Croats and Serbs (State SHS) declared on October 29, 1918 on the southern territories of the former Austro-Hungarian Empire. They have been ordered and prepared in November and December 1918, but the first two of them appeared only on January 3, 1919, after the merging (December 1, 1918) of the State SHS and the Kingdom of Serbia and Montenegro into the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenians (Kingdom SHS).

For collectors of postage stamps the Chainbreakers are a challenging field, because of the many variations in their appearance. This was due to the post-war problems associated with the availability of printing materials, technological resources and printing facilities, leading to differences in paper, colour variations, printing techniques and perforation.

The Slovenian Philatelic Association is commemorating the Centennial of the Chainbreaker stamps with two international events. The first event, the International Symposium CHAINBREAKERS 100 was already held in the Museum of Contemporary History in Ljubljana in October 2018, whereas the second event, the exhibition SLOVENIJA 2019 in Kamnik, March 28 to 21, 2019, with the participation of countries from the Alps Adria Philately group and Czechoslovakia, as special guest. Both events are organized with the support of Pošta Slovenije (Post of Slovenia).

Both events enjoy the honorary patronage of the President of the Republic of Slovenia, Mr. Borut Pahor. SLOVENIJA 2019 is under FEPA recognition and has been sponsored by FIP. The Slovenian Post has joined the centennial festivities by issuing a commemorative post stamp. In the days before the opening of the Exhibition, Kamnik will host the fourth course of the FIP Jury Academy.

Igor Pirc
Chairman of the Organising Committee.

Logo of the International Symposium CHAINBREAKERS 100

Logo of the philatelic exhibition SLOVENIJA 2019

PRESENTATION OF THE FEPA AWARDS OF THE YEAR

All along the year 2018 were presented in different FEPA events the Awards of the year as follows:

- FEPA Medal 2017 for exceptional service to organised philately: Ivan LIBRIC (Croatia)
- FEPA Medal 2017 for exceptional support to organised philately: Raul MOREIRA Director of Philately of the Portuguese Post. FEPA Medal 2017 for exceptional philatelic study and research: Brian TROTTER (Great Britain) for his book "Southern African Mails, Routes, Rates and Regulations 1806-1916"

The Winners, receiving their medals and certificates from the FEPA President José Ramón Moreno: From left to right, Ivan Libric, Raul Moreira and Brian Trotter

Certificates as finalists for exceptional philatelic study and research were awarded to:, (in the photos from left to right): Germany, Wolfgang Maassen, "The mysterious Philip von Ferrari, Philatelist, Philanthropist and Cosmopolite". Greece, John Daes, "The Hellenic Postal Rates 1828-1875", received in his name by Costas Chazapis, Hungary, GudlinTamas and Csatlos Arpadne, "Cancellation of Letter-collecting Agencies, Postal Agencies and Branch Offices in Hungary (1788-2014)", received by Karoly Szucs.

Italy, Emanuele M. Gabbini, "Postal Parcels". Romania. Vasile Doros, "Impressionism, fascination and Colour", received in the name of the author by Leonard Pascanu and Spain. Messrs Aranaz, Garcia Fernandez, Gomez-Aguero, Iglesias, Ordoñez and Panes, co-authors of "Illustrated Philatelic Dictionary".

FEPA Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding activities for the promotion of philately was awarded to:

International Estonian Philatelic Society (REFS) "Estonia" (Estonia). The Certificate of Appreciation was handed out by the FEPA Board Member and Webmaster Ari Muhonen to Mr. Peter Sgirka at the FEPA Exhibition ESTEX 2018 in Tallinn

The Czechoslovak Philatelic Society of Great Britain. Yvonne Wheatley received the award on behalf of the Society from Birthe King (Left photo). On the right photo, José Ramón Moreno, FEPA President meets members of the Club at the dinner attended by 124 members of the Club from 8 countries in Prague. From left: Chris King, Bill Hedley, Yvonne Wheatley, José Ramón Moreno and Jon Aitchison.

The Briefmarkensammlerverein Lutherstadt Wittenberg,Germany,left photo. Dr. Richard Thomas, Chairman of the awarded philatelic society received the Certificate from the FEPA President, José Ramón Moreno in presence of FEPA Treasurer, Alfred Kunz. Right photo: Associazione Italiana Collezionisti Posta Militare, Italy. The FEPA Vice-President, Giancarlo Morolli and the FEPA President, José Ramón Moreno handed out the FEPA Certificate of Appreciation to the Vice-President of the Association, Ercolano Gandini (in the middle) on occassion of the FEPA Exhibition ITALIA 2018 in Verona.

José Ramón Moreno, FEPA President

FIAF NEWS

POST OFFICE OF URUGUAY Commemorative Postmark for FIAF 50th Anniversary

The Uruguayan Federation of Philately (F.U.F.) presented in Brasilia 2017 Assembly an initiative to launch a postmark for the 50th anniversary of the Inter-American Federation of Philately.

In keeping with the ruling the F.U.F. requested to the National Administration of Uruguay Post a special postmark for the 50th anniversary of F.I.A.F; the request was accepted and the postmark reproduced at the top could be applied during EXFIL 2018 in the FIAF Assembly of Santiago.

The postmark reproduces the logo of FIAF and FUF and the following text "50 years FIAF, Santiago de Chile, October 13, 2018 - Uruguayan Mail".

CORREOS DE URUGUAY Matasello Especial 50 Aniversario FIAF

La Federación Uruguaya de Filatelia (F.U.F) presentó en la Asamblea de Brasilia el año 2017 una iniciativa para lanzar un matasello por el 50 aniversario de la Federación Interamericana de Filatelia.

Siguiendo con lo resuelto, la F.U.F. solicitó a la Administración Nacional de Correos de Uruguay la confección de un matasello especial por los 50 años de fundación de la F.I.A.F; la solicitud fue aceptada y el matasello reproducido en la parte superior se pudo aplicar durante EXFIL 2018 en la Asamblea FIAF de Santiago.

El matasello reproduce el logo de FIAF y de FUF y contiene el siguiente texto "50 años FIAF, Santiago de Chile, 13 de octubre 2018 – Correo Uruguayo"

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As announced during the last Assembly of the FIAF in Santiago de Chile, October 13, 2018, a Continental exhibition sponsored by the Continental Federation will be held this year in Buenos Aires, Argentina. This show will have FIP Sponsorship.

The Buenos Aires 2019 International Exhibition will be held from August 26 to 31, in the Centro Cultural Borges, in the cultural and commercial center of the Argentine capital. Five hundred frames will be available for exhibitors of FIAF countries who sign up to participate in this contest. Mr. Roberto Néstor Cravero is the General Commissioner of the exhibition.

It has been announced, as some of the activities of the exhibition, the II FIAF Congress for Traditional Philately and Postal History.

The Claridge Hotel, located only 100 meters from the exhibition hall, has been chosen as the official hotel in which Commissioners, jury members and visitors will stay.

BUENOS AIRES 2019

Conforme se anunció durante la última Asamblea FIAF en Santiago de Chile, el 13 de octubre 2018, este año tendremos una Exposición Continental, auspiciada por la Federación Continental, que se realizará en Buenos Aires, y que contará con el Patrocinio FIP.

La Exposición Filatélica Internacional Buenos Aires 2019 se realizará del 26 al 31 de agosto en el Centro Cultural Borges, en pleno centro cultural y comercial de la capital argentina. Quinientos marcos de exposición esperan a las colecciones de los países miembros de FIAF que se inscriban para participar en este certamen. Roberto Néstor Cravero es el Comisario General de la Exposición.

Se ha anunciado, como una de las actividades de la Exposición, el II Congreso FIAF de Filatelia Tradicional e Historia Postal.

El Claridge Hotel, ubicado a solo 100 metros de los salones de la Exposición, ha sido elegido como el Hotel Oficial donde se alojarán comisarios, jurados y visitantes.

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A token of gratitude and appreciation to
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Being conferred the FIAP
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A presentation of token to the following FIAP members was carried out on 1 December 2018 in Bangkok for being nominated the FIAP Honorary Membership respectively from 1989 to 2017. They are Messrs Tay Peng Hian, William Kwan, Michael Ho, Surajit Gongvatana and Gary Brown.

Dr Prakob Chirakiti, President of FIAP, presented the pewter plates to the five FIAP Honorary Members who were present at the FIAP Members Meeting in Bangkok on 1 December 2018. It was with regret that both Mr Koh Seow Chuan and Mr Kahn Yoon-Hong were not able to join in this joyous occasion. Their plaques will be presented by the presidents of their Federations at a later date.

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